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SUBJ: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE--NETHERLANDS POSITION AND COMPOSITION
OF DUTCH DELEGATION

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1. REVIEW OF POINTS COVERED BY REFTEL WITH GROENEVELD (DEPUTY
DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MINAG) REVEALED NO SIGNIFICANT
DIVERGENCE BETWEEN U.S. AND DUTCH POSITIONS.

2. FOLLOWING ARE VERBATIM "FINAL REMARKS" TO BE GIVEN BY
AG MINISTER VAN DER STEE, HEADOF DUTCH DELEGATION:

" I WANT TO END THIS SHORT SPEECH WITH A SUMMARY OF THE
NETHERLANDS' VIEWS ON THE MAIN POINTS OF THIS WORLD FOOD
CONFERENCE:

--THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM IS NOT A PROBLEM IN ITSELF. IT
MUST BE CONSIDERED AND TREATED WITHIN AN INTEGRATED POLICY
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CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION BETWEEN RICH AND

POOR COUNTRIES;

--THE PRIORITY LIES IN THE INCREASE OF THE PRODUCTION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES. THE NETHERLANDS ARE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND AGRICULTURAL EXTENSIONS. THE NETHERLANDS ARE PREPARED AT LEAST TO MAINTAIN AND TO INCREASE THEIR FINANCIAL AID EFFORTS AND TO AIM ACTIVELY AT A BETTER COORDINATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL AID THROUGH THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION THE NETHERLANDS WILL, IF DESIRED, GIVE MORE EMPHASIS TO PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

--THE NETHERLANDS SUBSCRIBE TO THE UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY. CONCRETE CONSULTATIONS IN THIS FIELD SHOULD START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

--FOOD AID SHOULD SPECIALLY BE COORDINATED VIA THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM. THE NETHERLANDS ARE WILLING AT LEAST TO MAINTAIN THEIR FOOD AID EFFORTS AND, IF NECESSARY, EVEN TO INCREASE THEM.

--WITHIN THE EEC, THE NETHERLANDS WILL BE ACTIVE IN THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS STABILIZATION MEASURES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETS IN APPROPRIATE CASES.

"THE NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVES IN THE DIFFERENT COMMISSIONS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN THE MOST POSITIVE AND EFFECTIVE WAY."

3. FOLLOWING IS COMPOSITION OF DUTCH DELEGATION:

1 AND 2. AG MINISTER VAN DER STEE; DEVELOPMENT MINISTER PRONK

3. SOEMITA, SURINAMESE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

4. PIETERNELLA, MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY OF NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

5. TUINMAN, DUTCH FA REPRESENTATIVE

NOTE: VAN DER STEE WILL LEAD DELEGATION DURING FIRST WEEK;
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PRONK WILL TAKE OVER WHEN HE LEAVES.

DEPUTIES: RUSTWIJK (SURINAMESE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE), RIEM (INTERNATIONAL ORGS. AFFAIRS, MINAG), VAN DAM (DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY), MRS. SEDOK (SURINAM), TER MUL (DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, MINAG), BERTELING (DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS, FORMIN), ABRAHAMS (SURINAM), AND HYDENDAEL (DUTCH DEP REP, FAL).

SEVEN DUTCH PARLIAMENTARIANS (MEMBERS OF DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS AND
AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEES) WILL ALSO ATTEND AS ADVISORS AS WEILL
VARIOUS ADVISORS FROM DUTCH FARM ORGANIZATIONS.
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